Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded on hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for one's fellow man; and,

Whereas, Shirley Jensen was appointed the Potter County Emergency Manager in August 1988 by the board of county commissioners who gave the following advice and marching orders, "Do a good job, don't spend money, and keep the county board out of jail"; and,

Whereas, Shirley was an excellent manager, a partner and inspiration to all who have dealt with her, she has fulfilled her duties for over 20 years, and she plans to retire on October 3, 2008; and,

Whereas, Shirley worked diligently in partnership with the South Dakota Office of Emergency Management gaining the support, cooperation, and credibility with first responders, state and local officials, and the citizens of Potter County, while responding to numerous emergencies, storm events, and disasters; and,

Whereas, Shirley has been instrumental in obtaining numerous funding grants while always making sure all first responders and their agencies shared equally in her endeavors to put others first as she actively sponsored and conducted emergency management training and exercises; and,

Whereas, Shirley always made sure the emergency management obligations under the state and local EM agreements were met in a timely manner and personally completed a combination of over 80 certified courses, workshops, and classes during her emergency management career; and,

Whereas, Shirley's colleagues will gather on October 5, 2008, to honor and thank her for her dedication and commitment to an extremely successful career:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 3, 2008, as

SHIRLEY JENSEN DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State